

# **WISCONSIN VINTNERS ASSOCIATION**

## **AUGUST 6, 2008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

President Howard Hasselkus called the meeting to order at 7:08 at the home of Dave Brandt.

**Members in Attendance:** Mike Bell, Don Betlej, Dave Brandt, Howard Hasselkus, Erv Herman, Jerry Horzewski, Chuck & Mary Howell, Tim Larsen, Rick Markham, Jim Remus, George Scovronski, Jerry Wanty and Joanne Ziarek.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the July Board meeting were approved as published.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mike Bell presented the reports for June and July (copies of both attached to official copy of these minutes) and said that the 2007-08 audit has not yet been done. The 2008-09 Budget will be presented at the September Board meeting. It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the reports and place them on file.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **State Fair Judging**

- Don Betlej reported that the display take-down must be done on Sunday night after the closing of the fair or on the following Monday at the latest, but he would be unable to do so. Jim Remus volunteered to take it down on Monday. The Howells volunteered to help Don with mailing of the ribbons and score sheets.

#### **Picnic – August 16 at Fox River Park, Waukesha**

- Task Assignments
  - Pick up chicken from caterer: Dave Brandt
  - Pick up beer from Lakefront: Bill Schneider
  - Pick up corn: Tim Larsen
  - Set-up & Games: George Scovronski
- Deadline for reservations is August 12.

#### **Website**

Don reported that changes are being made. The brochure is being prepared to print and mail to new members.

#### **Club Clothing**

Members discussed the apparent over-sizing of some clothing sizes.

#### **Business Cards**

Rick said he will get 500 printed.

#### **Bios of Life Members**

Bios will be printed in the newsletter as well as placed on the website

- Dave will do Opichka's and his own
- Joanne is doing Helmut's and Virg Penn's.

### **Dinner Dance**

Discussed locations for 2009 event in the event that Midway Motor Lodge continues to deny our requests to bring our own wines to the event. Howard said he will talk to them again. Other locations will continue to be explored. Jim Remus announced that he no longer wants to be Chair of the committee, but will help. Tim said his son does a lot of lake fishing and will furnish us with about 40 pounds of fish to have smoked.

### **Lakefront Brewery Picnic**

It was reported that the WVA got 'hit' with a bill of \$120 for the beer and \$20 more for the root beer that was consumed. It was agreed that next year we would order only one ¼ barrel and leave the choice of the type of beer up to the chair of the event.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Wine Challenge**

The event up state has been cancelled for now. It was agreed that the WVA would stand by to watch for further developments before volunteering to conduct the event.

### **October Meetings**

It was agreed that the Membership Meeting will be on Wednesday, October 1, because Red Star Yeast's rep cannot make the October 8 meeting. Therefore the Board meeting will be on October 8.

### **September Meetings**

WVA members will display and demonstrate their 'special gadgets' that they personally use in making their own wines at the September 10 Membership Meeting. **The board meeting will be at Tom & Linda Courtney's home in Mequon on September 3.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Dave Brandt**

Recording Secretary